An aerial photograph of a vast, snow-covered forest. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that filters through the trees and casts long, soft shadows. The sky is filled with light, wispy clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

*This year, we invite you to
make Advent more than a calendar
that counts down to Christmas.*

*Come to worship and celebrate it as
a season of discovery, a season of longing,
and a season when we reset our
faith clocks to Sacred Standard Time.*

BARRINGTON
UNITED
METHODIST **CHURCH**

As beloved children of God, we exist to experience and share God's love.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 8, 2024

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Rick Carlson, First UMC West Dundee

HYMN #444 (UMH)

O Young and Fearless Prophet Vocal Ensemble

- (1) O young and fearless Prophet
of ancient Galilee,
thy life is still a summons
to serve humanity;
to make our thoughts and actions
less prone to please the crowd,
to stand with humble courage
for truth with hearts uncowed.
- (2) We marvel at the purpose
that held thee to thy course
while ever on the hilltop
before thee loomed the cross;
thy steadfast face set forward
where love and duty shone,
while we betray so quickly
and leave thee there alone.
- (3) O help us stand unswerving
against war's bloody way,
where hate and lust and falsehood
hold back Christ's holy sway;
forbid false love of country
that blinds us to his call,
who lifts above the nations
the unity of all.
- (4) Stir up in us a protest
against our greed for wealth,
while others starve and hunger
and plead for work and health;
where homes with little children
cry out for lack of bread,
who live their years sore burdened
beneath a gloomy dread.
- (5) O young and fearless Prophet,
we need thy presence here,
amid our pride and glory
to see thy face appear;
once more to hear thy challenge
above our noisy day,
again to lead us forward
along God's holy way.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

PRAYER

Pastor Chris Winkler, Senior Pastor BUMC

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 68-79

Lauren Jiles Johnson

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

SERMON

"The Sacred Past"

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMCe

HYMN #441 (UMH)

What Does the Lord Require

Vocal Ensemble

- (1) What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire or tribute did you bring?
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
- (2) Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
- (3) Still down the ages ring the prophet's stern commands:
to merchant, worker, king, he brings God's high commands:
do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.
- (4) How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

Pastor Rick Carlson, First UMC West Dundee

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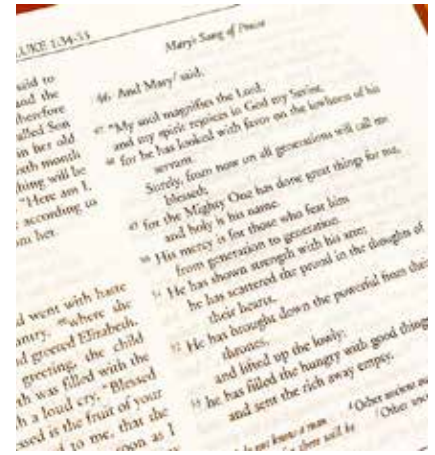
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Gather Together with Lectio Divina

This morning, 9:15 to 10 a.m. in the Dining Room

We invite you to experience the presence of God through contemplation of the scriptures with Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina, literally “Divine Reading,” is a Christian practice that dates back to the early days of the church. No experience with the technique is required, and no preparation or long-term commitment is necessary. Lectio Divina is easy to learn and can become an inspiring, restful way to draw closer to God. And you will have time to enjoy a cup of coffee before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This morning’s Scripture: Luke 1: 46 - 55, NRSVUE (the Magnificat). For more information, contact Terrie McComb at tlmccomb@msn.com.



All are invited to post Christmas cards to our church family on our bulletin board in the Narthex. Bring your cards from home or use the blank cards by the bulletin board to wish our church family a Merry Christmas!

Heifer Living Gifts Market | Throughout the morning today and Sunday, December 15

Heifer Living Gifts support efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable community development. Look for a mission team member in the lobby to purchase your living gift and select a Christmas card to send.

United Women in Faith Christmas Gathering | Wednesday, December 11 in the BUMC Dining Room

We will meet in the church dining room at 11:00 a.m.; brunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.. In keeping with our “Food, Faith and Fellowship” theme, our program will focus on the foods associated with Christmas. We hope you will be free and can respond to Linda at Imosikowicz@comcast.net or 630-569-2763 by December 9. A reply will help with planning, but please feel free to as you are able, even at the last minute.

Outside the Walls Prison Ministry Christmas Luncheon | Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1300 S. Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, IL

For a number of years, we have worked closely with Rev. Tommie Johnson and the Outside the Walls Ministry. Outside the Walls aids the recently incarcerated to re-establish themselves after release. They offer a networking event in the fall to connect folks with social services and before Christmas they offer a luncheon and an opportunity to receive a gift for themselves and a child. Both of these events include worship and music. Members of Barrington UMC have attended both and offered music at both. On December 14, we are invited to attend the Outside the Walls Prison Ministry Christmas Luncheon. While we continue to support this ministry financially, it is especially meaningful to attend in person. If you would like to carpool to the December 14th event, please let Sharon Orr know, sorr@barringtonumc.com.



Fellowship Event: Hot Chocolate Bar

Sunday December 15, 9:30–11:00 a.m. in The Well

Join us for an extended time of fellowship. Enjoy some hot chocolate with all the fixin’s, hot cider, coffee and goodies while you share Christmas greetings and cheer. We are thrilled to feature special live music by Dana Angel on harp and Denise Calderone on flute between services. Hope you can stay awhile to enjoy their beautiful contribution to our gathering. Refreshments will be served continuously in The Well from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., so come early or stay late!

United Women in Faith | Begin your 2025 spiritual practices by joining *Welcome Home*, a winter Mission u event sponsored by United Women in Faith. This online event begins with a one-hour opening service on Sunday, January 5. Classes then meet twice a week (afternoon or evening) during the weeks of January 5 and January 12, and a closing service on Sunday, January 19. This study explores how we can know God as an intimate friend who welcomes us. The sessions include Scripture explorations, discussions, and activities to apply to what is being learned. From the comfort of our own homes to reaching outward and welcoming others, everything is rooted in a co-creator mindset, living out God's kin-dom here and now. An additional study is also offered: *Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States*. These three conferences are the: Alaska UM Conference, Oklahoma Conference of the UMC, and Red Bird Missionary Conference (in Kentucky).

Scan the QR code and register before January 2. The cost is \$25.

For more information, contact Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net



CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Sunday School | Each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. following Children's Time

Our theme this month is "Jesus' Birthday = The Best Gift Ever"

Drop 'N Shop Saturday, December 14

Drop your 3-year-old through 5th-grade kids off for a Grinch-themed day of games, crafts, movies and more! Take the day to get a head start on holiday shopping, or just relax and prepare for the Christmas Season. The cost is \$20 per child (\$25 at the door) and includes lunch and snacks.



YOUTH EVENTS

Students grades 6 through 12 are invited to Sunday School in the youth room at 9:00 a.m. and worship together at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Starlight Showcase | Today in Fellowship Hall at noon

Come and be amazed by the shining stars in our midst! Everyone is invited to today's God's Squad's Starlight Showcase, an inaugural celebration featuring a talent show and a silent auction. Tickets are \$15/person and can be purchased at the door.



Sunday Funday | Students, grades 6 through 12, are invited to a fun trip into Chicago to the Christkindlmarket in Daley Plaza on Sunday, December 15. We'll enjoy lunch together, wander the market, and be back to church by 6:00. Bring spending money for any gifts or extra snacks you might want. RSVP using the QR code by today, Sunday, December 8.



God's Squad Christmas Party

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! Come for the God's Squad Christmas Party on Sunday, December 22. Bring a wrapped present (\$5 value) for our gift exchange game and join the holiday shenanigans!

SPECIAL SERVICES

Carpentersville Community Meal, 4:30–6:45 p.m.

*Saturday, December 21 at the Trinity Center
1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville IL 60110*

All are invited for dinner and fellowship! Our meals are always free.

Longest Night Worship, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 21 at the Trinity Center

This is a quiet, reflective service. We acknowledge this time of year is not the happiest for those who are grieving or struggling. This service makes space for those who need to have their pain, loneliness, or fear acknowledged and to find comfort and hope in the gathered community.



Christmas Eve

at Barrington United Methodist Church

Tuesday, December 24

4 p.m. Family Service with the Crossroads Band

**7 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service
with Choir, Carols and Candlelight**

**11 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Communion,
Handbell Ensemble, Carols and Candlelight**